

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that the prices have not increased?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As I have already stated, the prices are fluctuating. They have sometimes increased and sometimes decreased.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member the reason for the recent reorganisation and increase of pay of the officers of the State?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no recent reorganisation. The reorganisation took place five years ago.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that there was no reorganisation during the last five years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no general reorganisation of all the departments of the State since 1918.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that the salaries of officers have not been increased during the last few years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, not as a general measure.

Application for Erection of Churches.

289. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing:

(a) the number of applications received in 1909, 1910, 1911 and in 1912, up to the 26th Minam, for the construction of churches and the number of applications sanctioned by the Government;

(b) the taluks to which such sanctioned applications referred; and

(c) the number of such applications to which there were objections either from the people or from the Devaswom Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a), (b) and (c) Statements* containing the required information are laid on the table.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): How many of these applications were objected to from the Devaswom Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We have not got a separate list of objections from the Devaswom Department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was there any objection from the Devaswom Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There were objections and they were given weight.

Communal Representation in Public Service.

290. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the principle of communal representation has been accepted by the Government, and, if so, what exactly is the principle they have accepted;

*Vide Appendices IV A and IV B—Pages 807 and 808.